वर्ष 1993-94 तथा 1994-95 के दौरान संस्वीकृत की गई योजना-वार परियोजनाओं की संख्या तथा उन्हें प्रदान की गई राशि निम्नलिखित है :

क्र० सं०	योजना का नाम	परियोजनाओं की संख्या	संस्वीकृत की गई राशि	
			93-94	94-95
				(लाख रु० में)
1.	उत्तर साक्षरता अभियान . . .	12	197.55	337.31
2.	सघन पाठ्यक्रम . . .	11	8.65	1.25
3.	प्रौढ़ महिलाओं के लिए व्यावसायिक प्रशिक्षण पाठ्यक्रम	87	15.05	13.76

Proposed steel plant in Salem District of Tamil Nadu

*219. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to examine the possibility of setting up an integrated steelplant based on the iron ore in Salem district of Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether Government are aware of the new technologies that had emerged to beneficiate the iron ore of Salem to 5 per cent iron content; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken to use these new technologies in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Under the new Industrial Policy announced in July, 1991, "Iron and Steel" Industry has been removed from the list of industries reserved for the Public sector & also exempted from the provisions of compulsory licensing except in certain restricted locations. No Industrial Licence is therefore, required to set up a steel plant.

The Central Government at present do not have any proposal to set up a green field integrated steel plant based on the iron ore of Salem District, Tamil Nadu. However, the State Govt. of Tamil Nadu proposes to set up an integrated steel plant based on these iron ore and locally available lignite coal.

(b) The Iron Ore deposits of Salem District are of low grade magnetite quartzite type with an average iron content of 35 per cent. The Government is aware of technologies available for beneficiation of such low grade magnetite ores.

(c) Mining of Iron Ore, which was earlier reserved for the Public sector has now been thrown upon to the Private sector. In addition restrictions on foreign investment in mining sector has also been lifted. These together with delicensing and dereservation of iron & steel industry are expected to facilitate the exploitation of the low grade iron ore mining in the country.